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HOUSE BILL NO. 1263

Introduced by: Representatives Buckingham, Boomgarden, Brunner, Davis, DeVries, Hackl, Hargens, Howie, Juhnke, Koistinen, Olson (Betty), and Wick and Senators Greenfield, Abdallah, Maher, Peterson (Jim), and Schmidt (Dennis)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a hunter mentoring program, to authorize
2 hunting under certain conditions by persons less than sixteen years of age, and to authorize
3 the Game, Fish and Parks Commission to promulgate rules.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. That chapter 41-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 Notwithstanding any provisions of Title 41 to the contrary, a resident of this state who is at
8 least ten and less than sixteen years of age is not required to possess a hunting license in order
9 to hunt if accompanied by a hunting mentor. A hunting mentor is the child's parent or guardian
10 or any other competent adult who has the written consent of the child's parent or guardian. The
11 hunting mentor shall be a resident of this state, shall be unarmed except as provided in this
12 section, and shall possess a valid hunting license for the game being hunted. A child who hunts
13 pursuant to this section is subject to all requirements, restrictions, and penalties specified in this
14 title and in the rules promulgated pursuant to this title with respect to the species being hunted,



1 except that the combined number of animals taken or possessed by the child and the hunting
2 mentor may not exceed the number of animals authorized under licenses held by the hunting
3 mentor. The requirement in this section that the hunting mentor be unarmed does not prohibit
4 the hunting mentor from possessing a permitted concealed pistol or other legally possessed
5 handgun.

6 The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to
7 establish criteria and conditions governing the hunter mentoring program established in this Act.